

THE
SECOND CHAPTER,
OF THE
First Book
OF THE
CHRONICLES
OF THE
County, called DOWN.

AND in those days, there shall appear a Youth named Robert, of Stature rather comely—but of a Shambling Gait, who will derive his birth from one Country, his Religion from another, and his Politics from a third.

2. And he will offer himself, a Candidate to represent a great and populous Portion of the Land of his nativity—and he will declare—even *before his Beard is grown*, that the first object of his ambition is to be returned for it.

3. And he will tell openly, that he will pay all due deference to the opinions of his constituents and to the Dictates of his own Conscience, and all the people will wonder exceedingly, and many of them will believe him.

4. And he will go to the first Meeting of the *Northern Whigs*, in that Town, as thou goest towards the West called BELFAST, and he will entreat to be enrolled a member of their Body, and he will sign with *his own hand* all their Papers.

5. And the Members, will take great delight in this Youth, Yea, many of them will enter into Subscriptions to Support him in his Election, and the people of Belfast will wonder exceedingly, and many will believe him!!

6. And he will stand on the Hustings in the chief City of that County called Down—even the City of St. Patrick, on the first Day of the fifth Month of the year called according to the Christian manner, 1790 (it being the first day of the Poll) and in the presence of that great and independent County, he will take its TEST, and the People will be pleased therewith, and will enquire whose Son the Stripling is?

7. And Robert will Answer, I am the Son of Robert the Son of M'Gregor, the old and faithful Servant—and like him, I will not draw the Sword in wrath.

8. And during the Continuance of the Poll, he will proclaim a great Feast, to celebrate the Memory of the immortal WILLIAM—and he will invite all the Princes and the Governors and the Sheriffs, and the Counsellors, to make merry on the occasion!!

9. And he will take the Chief Place of the Entertainment, and will speak in Words of high Praise of the venerable CHARLEMONT, and then give his Health, together with that of the GLORIOUS VOLUNTEERS OF IRELAND!! and the people will wonder much.

10. And the Princes, and the Governors and the Sheriffs, and the Counsellors, will wax glad—and the Young Patriot, will declaim in Sweetest Accents on the Character of GRATTAN, and *his illustrious Friends in Parliament*, and drink their Healths; and he will drink disgrace to the *Bribers* and the *Bribed*.

11. And he will expatiate with much seeming delight—on the *Independence of our Parliament* and drink "*Prosperity, and everlasting Independence to Ireland*"—and the people of those Days, will wonder exceedingly, and believe him!!!

12. And in the warmth of his Heart he will anticipate the Doctrines of *Thomas Paine*, and drink "*equal Liberty to all Mankind*"—and he will drink "*all the Whig Clubs of Ireland, and the Whig Interest all the World over.*"

13. And to fill up the measure of his Country's love, he will drink the Health of CHARLES FOX, and likewise *our Sovereign Lord the People*!! and what is very marvelous moreover, he will not be drunk!!*

14. And it will come to pass at the end of the Sixtyeight-days Poll, that he will be returned for that great and respectable County—and he will publish an Advertisement, and will thank his Electors for their noble, virtuous, and independent Support.

15. And he will say in this Manifesto, "*I love the Cause of the People—I revere the Constitution and I will maintain, and defend both, with the Ardour of affection, which a Youthful Heart dictates, and which your generous Confidence demands!!!*"

16. And the honest People will wonder exceedingly and say Amen.

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* All these Toasts were given or drank by Lord C——, in the Northern Whig-Club, of which he was a Member.